

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): That, I fear, is not allowed by the rules.

Location of Liquor Shops near Places of Public Worship, etc.

145. MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Muvattupuzha cum Todupuzha*):

(a) Will the Government be pleased to state how many of the liquor shops in the State are located within a furlong from places of public worship, schools and Government offices?

(b) Are the Government aware that the public are put to considerable trouble on account of the location of the said liquor shops?

(c) Will the Government be pleased immediately to order that, with a view to maintain public peace, sale of liquor should not be carried on within two furlongs from places of public worship, schools and Government offices?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*):

(a) The information is not available at present. It will be called for.

(b) Whenever any complaint arises against the location of a shop, prompt steps are taken to remove it to an unobjectionable site, as far as possible.

(c) There is already a departmental circular order that, whenever practicable, no arrack or toddy shops should be located within two furlongs of such places of public resort. A copy of the circular order issued on the matter is placed on the table.

Sale of Malayalam Readers.

146. MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): (a) Are the Government aware that Malayalam Readers are not always available in the offices of the Assistant Inspectors and that consequently great inconvenience is caused to students and their parents?

(b) Will the Government be pleased to appoint additional selling agents and compel them to keep a sufficient number of copies always in stock?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(a) and (b) Government are aware that copies of certain Malayalam Readers were not available for sale at the beginning of the current school year at the offices of some of the Assistant Inspectors. They have since been supplied with the required number of copies. Therefore, Government do not consider it necessary to appoint additional selling agents.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): The answer for the two parts of my question is given together. It is stated in the answer "They have since been supplied with the required number of copies". Is it answer to part (a) or to part (b) of my question? I did not require that information. Is it additional information supplied to me by Government?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Instead of answering part by part, Government chose to make a statement containing full information on the question.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): My point is whether it is answer to part (a) or to part (b) of my question.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): It is the answer to parts (a) and (b) together.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): I should like to know from the Secretary the force of the word 'Therefore' in the sentence, "Therefore, Government do not consider it necessary to appoint additional agents" in the answer. Is it because the books have been supplied subsequently, or because the books were not available in the Assistant Inspectors Offices?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): It is stated in the answer.

"Government are aware that copies of certain Malayalam Readers were not available for sale at the beginning of the current school year at the offices of some of the Assistant Inspectors. They have since been supplied with the required number of copies. Therefore, Government do not consider it necessary to appoint additional selling agents."

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): The Secretary was reading the answer. My point is, what is the force of the word 'therefore' in the last sentence of the answer.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Since the books have arrived and have been supplied to the various Assistant Inspectors, no special arrangements are now necessary for selling them. That is the force of 'therefore'.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): So, the conclusion has been arrived at by Government that selling agents are not necessary, simply because Government have received a fresh stock of books now. Am I right in drawing that inference?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): There are suitable arrangements now. There is a clerk in each Assistant Inspector's office who is engaged in selling books. The books arrived only long after the re-opening of the schools and they have now been supplied to the several Assistant Inspectors' offices and the books might have even reached the boys by this time. Therefore selling agents are not necessary now.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): For how many months were there no books in the Assistant Inspectors' offices?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Company supplied the books only after the schools re-opened. Some of the readers, required for distribution to the southern districts, were received only on 31-7-25 from the Company. Thus, there was some delay this year in supplying the Assistant Inspectors with the required Readers. The Assistant Inspectors in the twelve northern districts have already received the necessary books from the head office. The other places have also been since supplied with the necessary books.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): Am I to understand that these books were not available in the offices of the Assistant Inspectors of Schools since the stock was not available in Travancore?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Exactly, that was the position. The Company was asked to supply the required number of copies not later than the 25th April. But the books arrived only in July.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to make suitable arrangements in order that such difficulties may not recur hereafter?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): That has already been answered. The Readers are proposed to be printed locally and made available sufficiently early before the re-opening of the schools next year.

Recommendations of the Curricula Revision Committee.

147. **MR. C. P. THOMAS** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state why orders have not yet been passed on the recommendations of the Committee for the revision of the curricula of studies in Vernacular Schools, though it is about three years since the recommendations were made?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Government are of opinion that the consideration of the curricula for the Vernacular Middle and High School courses may be postponed till orders are passed on the Report of the University Committee, in view of such important questions as the amalgamation of the English and Vernacular Middle School courses, the introduction of vocational training etc., awaiting solution in that connection. The Director of Public Instruction has been asked whether the proposed course of studies for the Primary Schools may be introduced from the beginning of the next school year, retaining the existing curricula of studies for the Middle School and High School courses. Orders will issue on receipt of his reply.

Mahomedan Vernacular Schools and their Strength.

148. **MR. M. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI** (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state the total number of Vernacular Schools for Mahomedans in the State, and the total strength in all these schools on the last day of the school year 1924-25?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

	No.	Strength.
Mahomedan Boys' Schools	63	6,641
Mahomedan Girls' Schools	8	679
Total	71	7,320

Statistics of Tamil Schools and Tamil Students.

149. **MR. M. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI** (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a statement showing, by taluks,

Appendix II.

Vide Answer to Question No. 240.

List of new roads sanctioned in the Trivandrum Town.

No.	Name of work.	Amount.
1.	Improvement and repairs to the lane from Gandhari Ammankoil to Subrahmanyaswami temple ...	Rs. 1,600
2.	Diversion of road in front of Vanchiyur School ...	13,040
3.	Widening Mahakkad to Tiruvallam road near Kuttikkad ...	5,810
4.	Converting the lane from Pulimood-Residency road to Oil Mill road into a cart road ...	1,025
5.	Conversion of the lane that leads from Pazhaya-chalai street northward to Cochar into a cart road ...	789
6.	Conversion of the lane near Subrahmanyaswami temple at Tampanur into a cart road ...	1,700
7.	Improvements to the lane leading from Rishimangalam to meet the Vanchiyur road ...	1,190
8.	Improvements to the lane leading from Pulimood on the main road to Vanchiyur School ...	6,500
9.	Conversion into a cart road of the lane leading from Vanchiyur School front to Coprapura and its continuation westward ...	5,500

These have been executed.

Appendix III.

Vide Answer to Question No. 145.

No. 8032/A. 2807.

Excise Commissioner's Office,
Trivandrum, 21-1-24/8-6-1099.

CIRCULAR.

Officers in charge of Excise Divisions are informed that wherever practicable no arrack or toddy shops should in future be located within two furlongs of a market, school-house, place of public worship, hospital, factory, public house, railway lines and similar places of public resort. Any difficulty in the enforcement of this rule may be felt if at all in towns only. Here, the Division Officers should use their discretion and try their best to faithfully carry out the order. There should be no difficulty at all in rural areas. Before granting licenses for shops for the next contract, they should make sure that the sites for which licenses are granted do not fall within the prescribed limits. Any neglect in the observance of this rule will be seriously noticed.

A. J. VAN ROSS,
Excise Commissioner